

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A photographic production system, comprising:

a first and a second print producing lines each of which comprises plural serial processing devices to produce a photographic printing in response to a work order from a customer to produce the photographic printing;

the first print producing line including:

a monitoring section to monitor a working status of each of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line and to memorize the working status,

a request-information generating section to generate request-information to request to conduct a process of one of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line on a basis of the working status, and

a request-information issuing section to issue the request-information to the second print producing line; and the second print producing line including: and

a request-information receiving section to receive the request-information from the request-information issuing section, and

a processing result returning section to make the corresponding one of the plural serial processing devices of the second print producing line to conduct the requested process and to return a processing result to the first print producing line.

2. (original) The photograph production system of claim 1, wherein, the request-information to request to conduct a process including:

identification of the second producing line;

information about which processing devices have been completed; and,

information about which part of the processing device have been completed, when one of the processing device has not been completed.

3. (currently amended) The photographic production system of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein, the second print producing line specified in the request-information includes at least a processing device, which is specified in the request-information to request to conduct a process to the second print producing line.

4. (currently amended) The photographic production system of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein, the processing result includes which processing device has been completed, and processed data when a processing device, which has been specified in the requestinformation has been completed.

5. (currently amended) The photographic production system of ~~any one of claim 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is

interrupted.

6. (original) A photographic production system for controlling a processing devices alternation between a first and a second photographic print producing lines, the first and the second print producing lines having a first computer and a second computer respectively and plural serial processing devices to produce the photographic printing in response to the work order from the customer to produce the photographic printing, comprising:

the first computer in the first photographic print producing line including:

a memory function to store working status of each of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line to complete the work order;

a request-information generating function to generate request-information to conduct a process of one of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line on a basis of the working status, which is stored by the memory function, to the second photographic print producing line; and a request-information issuing function to issue the request-information generated by the requestinformation generating function; and the second computer in the second photographic print producing line including:

a request-information receiving function to receive the request-information to conduct a process; and

a processing result returning function to make the corresponding one of the plural serial processing devices of the second print producing line to conduct the requested process and to return a processing result to the first print producing line.

7. (original) The photographic production of claim 6, wherein the request-information to request to conduct a process of one of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line on a basis of the working status is issued when one of the plural serial producing devices is interrupted.

8. (**new**) The photographic production system of claim 2, wherein, the second print producing line specified in the request-information includes at least a processing device, which is specified in the request-information to request to conduct a process to the second print producing line.

9. (**new**) The photographic production system of claim 2, wherein, the processing result includes which processing device has been completed, and processed data when a processing device, which has been specified in the request information has been completed.

10. (**new**) The photographic production system of claim 2, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is interrupted.

11. (**new**) The photographic production system of claim 3,
wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial
processing devices is interrupted.

12. (**new**) The photographic production system of claim 4,
wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial
processing devices is interrupted.

13. (**new**) The photographic production system of claim 8,
wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial
processing devices is interrupted.

14. (**new**) The photographic production system of claim 9,
wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial
processing devices is interrupted.